

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 being independent.

The specification has been reviewed and amended to correct minor informalities and improve its idiomatic English form.

Independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12, along with selected dependent claims, have been amended to improve their idiomatic form.

Claims 1-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Jakobs '943 in view of Beckman '183. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' invention as set forth in Claim 1 relates to a display apparatus displaying images from a plurality of information processing apparatuses. The apparatus includes image inputting means for inputting respective image signals from a plurality of information processing apparatuses, display controlling means for constructing on a display screen display regions in which respective image signals from the plurality of information processing apparatuses are displayed, and inputting means for inputting a signal containing coordinate information. In addition, determining means determines an information processing apparatus to which the image signal is sent, based on the inputted input signal, and communication means sends the input signal to the determined information processing apparatus.

Claims 6 and 11 relate to a method for controlling a display apparatus displaying images and a program for making a computer perform control of a display apparatus displaying images, respectively, and correspond substantially to Claim 1. These claims thus also determine an information processing apparatus to which the input signal is sent, based on an inputted input signal.

In Claim 12, a display apparatus performs display based on a first image signal and a second image signal. The first image signal is an image signal from a first information processing apparatus, and the second signal is an image signal from a second information processing apparatus. The display apparatus includes a receiving circuit for receiving the first image signal and the second image signal, a coordinate information receiving circuit receiving signals from a coordinate input device that transforms into a signal an indicated position on a display surface on which a screen based on the first image signal or a screen based on the second image signal or a screen based on both image signals is displayed. In addition, a determination circuit determines whether the inputted input signal is outputted to the first information processing apparatus or to the second information processing apparatus, and a communication circuit sends the input signal to the information processing apparatus determined by the determination circuit.

In accordance with Applicants' claimed invention, superior images can be displayed from a plurality of information processing apparatuses.

The primary citation to Jakobs relates to a multiple display workstation. According to the Office Action, Jakobs includes a menu video unit 15, a high resolution video unit 17, and a still picture unit 18 as information processing apparatuses, a stylus 121a as inputting means for inputting a signal containing coordinate information, and CPU unit 16 as determining means for determining the information processing apparatus to which the input signal is sent. Jakobs is also said to include communication means for sending the input signal to the determined information processing apparatus.

The secondary citation to Beckman relates to a video image monitoring system and was cited for its teaching of display controlling means for constructing display regions on a

display screen. In this regard, Beckman shows in Figure 1 an LCD array 16 that includes a number of subpanels 18.

Without conceding the propriety of combining Jakobs and Beckman in the manner proposed in the Office Action, it is submitted that such a combination still fails to teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention. In Applicants' Claim 1, for example, determining means determines the information processing apparatus to which the input signal is sent, based on the input signal inputted by the inputting means. In Jakobs, on the other hand, the main CPU unit 16 is not understood to receive an input signal that is used to determine the information processing apparatus (video units 15 and 17 or picture unit 18) to which the input signal is sent. In Jakobs, the stylus 121a provides information to the main CPU unit 16, but it is respectfully submitted that this information is not used to determine the information processing apparatus to which the input signal is sent. For the same reasons, Claims 6 and 11 are also distinguishable from Jakobs. Similarly, Jakobs also fails to teach or suggest, inter alia, a determination circuit that determines whether the input signal inputted from a coordinate information receiving circuit is outputted to the first information processing apparatus or to the second information processing apparatus as in Claim 12.

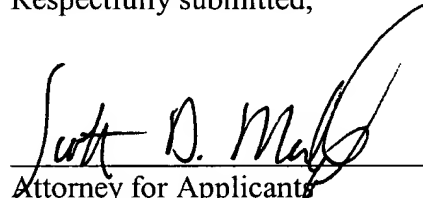
Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2-5, 7-10 and 13-32 set forth additional features of Applicants' invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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